

## REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action in the present application. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 23-24, 43, 56-58, 64-67 and 73-93 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bishop, et al (US 4,965,821).

Bishop describes a system for entering into rental agreements and for accruing and billing the resulting rental charges associated with the rental of equipment, such as automobiles.

The allowability of claims 26-27, 44-45 and 68-72 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 26, 44 and 68 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and are therefore allowable. Claims 43, 65-67 and 73-81 have been amended to depend from one of claims 26, 44 and 68. Dependent claims 27, 43, 45, 65-67 and 69-81 each depend directly or ultimately from one of these independent claims and are therefore deemed patentable.

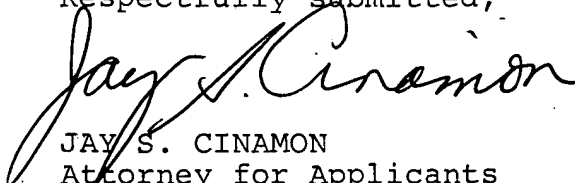
Claims 23, 24, 56-58, 64 and 82-93 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as filed in the context of a continuation application.

Applicant has carefully studied the remaining prior art of record herein and concludes that the invention as described and claimed in the present application is neither shown in nor suggested by the cited art.

In view of the foregoing amendments, all of the claims are deemed to be allowable. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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